

REMARKS

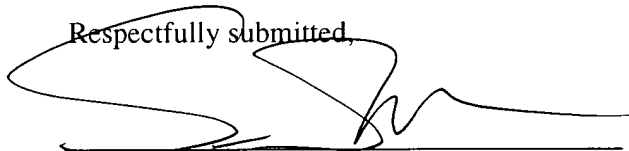
Claims 2-16 are pending in this application. Claims 2-3 and 7-15 are rejected. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-6 are allowable. Claim 4 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 on which claim 4 depends. Claims 7 and 9-14 are amended to be dependent on claim 4. Claims 2, 3, 8 and 15 are canceled to place the application in condition for allowance. No range of equivalents is surrendered or given up by these amendments.

In light of the amendments described above, the rejections in this application are rendered moot. The application is condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephonic interview would be of value in expediting the allowane of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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